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Introduction

1. In its resolution 1997/41, the Commission on Human Rights requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Commission, at its fifty-fifth session, a report on public information activities, with special emphasis on the activities relating to the World Public Information Campaign and those for the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, including information on expenditures incurred in the biennium 1996-1997 and those envisaged for the biennium 1998-1999.

2. The World Public Information Campaign for Human Rights was launched by the General Assembly in its resolution 43/128 of 8 December 1988, with the objectives of increasing understanding and awareness of human rights and fundamental freedoms and educating the public on the international machinery available for the promotion and protection of those rights and freedoms and the efforts of the United Nations to realize them.

3. The coordination of the United Nations education and public information programmes in the field of human rights was specifically mentioned in General Assembly resolution 48/141 of 20 December 1993, as part of the mandate of the post of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. The High Commissioner for Human Rights has repeatedly stressed the importance she attaches to the implementation of activities for increasing the awareness of human rights among the general public.

4. The budget for the 1998-1999 biennium for external printing publications and for the upgrading of the Internet site is US$ 230,700. The publications programme of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) is expanding to respond to the increasing need for human rights information.

5. The present report supplements information and estimates provided in the Secretary-General's report to the General Assembly (A/53/313).

I. PUBLIC INFORMATION ACTIVITIES OF THE OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

A. Publications programme

6. In its resolution 1997/41, the Commission on Human Rights urged OHCHR, in cooperation with the Department of Public Information, to cooperate closely in the realization of the information and publication programmes in the field of human rights, including the implementation of the new information strategy and the relevant preparatory work for the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

7. In keeping with that directive, OHCHR has continued its efforts to streamline and focus its publications programme. Accordingly, the ad hoc Publications Board, established in November 1996 has continued its work with regard to management of publications.

8. Since the last report (E/CN.4/1997/36), OHCHR has received around 5,000 letters from individuals, Governments, academic institutions, non-governmental organizations and other human rights institutions requesting

human rights publications. According to a rough estimate, during 1998 the Office has distributed more than 30,000 copies of human rights publications, in addition to the 3,000 copies of each publication which are distributed by the Distribution Section at the United Nations Office at Geneva through the mailing list established by OHCHR.

9. OHCHR also contributed substantially during the reporting period to the preparation and revision of general United Nations publications, such as Human Rights: Questions and Answers and Human Rights Today - A United Nations Priority.

1. Fact Sheet Series

10. The Fact Sheet Series consists of booklets directed at a non-specialized audience, addressing various aspects of United Nations activities in the field of human rights, including international mechanisms for the promotion and protection of human rights, or specific human rights issues. Fact Sheets are published in the six official languages of the United Nations and distributed worldwide free of charge. The complete list of Fact Sheets is contained in the annex.

11. OHCHR is currently downloading the whole text of all Fact Sheets in the Office's home page on the Internet. This development will enhance the wide dissemination of these publications, while contributing to reduce print runs and rationalize expenses.

2. Professional Training Series

12. An important teaching and educational tool is the established Professional Training Series, designed primarily to provide support to the training activities of the programme of advisory services and technical assistance of OHCHR, as well as to assist other organizations involved in human rights education for professional groups. The complete list of Professional Training Series publications is contained in the annex.

13. During the period under review a new handbook, *Human Rights and Law: A Manual on Human Rights Training for the Police*, No. 5 in the series, has been published in French, English and Spanish. The Pocket Guide, *International Human Rights Standards for Law Enforcement: A Pocket Book on Human Rights for the Police*, No. 5/Add.1, has been published in French, English and Spanish. Given the policy of the Conference Services Division at UNOG regarding translations of publications, translations have been funded, whenever possible, against the Voluntary Funds for Technical Cooperation, in the framework of specific country projects. Translations in Arabic, Chinese and Russian are, unfortunately, delayed due to the lack of funding.

3. Human Rights Study Series

14. The Human Rights Study Series reproduces studies and reports on important human rights issues prepared by experts of the Commission on Human Rights and the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities. Ten studies in the series have been published so far (see annex).

15. Since the last report to the General Assembly, No. 9 in the series, *Compilation and Analysis of Legal Norms Applicable to Internally Displaced Persons* has been published. Given the policy of the Conference Services Division at UNOG this issue will for the time being be published in English only.

4. Notes of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

16 Since the last report to the Commission on Human Rights, and in an effort to streamline and focus the publications programme of the Office, the OHCHR ad hoc Publications Board decided to discontinue the series of Notes of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the content of which was overlapping with the Fact Sheet Series.

5. 1998: Fiftieth Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights basic information kits

17. The series of basic information kits was conceived as working tools for agencies, programmes, non-governmental organizations and national institutions, as well as individuals, in the framework of the commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Basic information kits were published in French, English and Spanish and distributed free of charge. The complete list of basic information kits is contained in the annex.

18. Since the last report to the General Assembly, the basic information kit No. 4, *Human Rights Education: Lessons for Life*, has been published in English and is currently being translated into French and Spanish.

6. Ad hoc publications

19. Ad hoc publications consist mainly of reports and proceedings of conferences, workshops and other events held under the auspices of OHCHR. There are now 17 titles in the series (see annex).

20. Since the last report to the General Assembly, the volume entitled *United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education (1995-2004): Lessons for Life* is being printed in English and being translated into the other official languages.

7. Reference material

21. The reference publications of OHCHR, which are United Nations sales publications, are directed at a more specialized audience. The complete list of reference material is contained in the annex. Since the last report to the General Assembly no such issue has been published.

8. Periodicals

22. Since the last report to the Commission on Human Rights, a new 32-page professional quarterly review of the Office of the High Commissioner, entitled

Human Rights, has been produced. The magazine reflects the full breadth of the human rights concerns of the Office: civil, cultural, economic, political and social rights, as well as the right to development. The articles, written in English and in French, cover the various aspects of the work of the Office, including the activities of the High Commissioner, treaty bodies, special procedures, field offices, technical cooperation, research and information. The quarterly is printed in 13,000 copies and distributed throughout the world free of charge. So far, issues No. 1 (Winter 1997/1998), No. 2 (Spring 1998) and No. 3 (Summer 1998) have been published. Issue No. 4 (Fall 1998) is being printed.

9. Promotional materials

23. A 12-page brochure, *OHCHR Facts and Figures*, and a folder are under preparation.

B. Use of electronic means

24. Since the last report to the Commission, significant achievements have been made in the publishing of documents and other information on the OHCHR Website as well as internal information systems. Following the launch of the Website on 10 December 1996 (www.unhchr.ch), it may be of interest to note that the Website's average use has increased from 1,000 to 14,000 user sessions a week. Moreover, in October and November 1998 more than 1 million documents per month were accessed. In December 1997 the French and Spanish versions of the Website were launched. Furthermore, in December 1998, on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, a collection of more than 250 language versions of the Declaration was inaugurated.

25. Additionally, four databases have been established. The Treaty Bodies Database is now operational with a total of 14,000 records and full-text documents are available for public access. The Charter-Based Bodies Database has been designed as a system to replace, to a large extent, the old Web representation in order to facilitate the retrieval of documents and to reduce maintenance costs. At present, it contains 6,000 documents in English, French and Spanish. The Press and Statements Databases serve internally as the Office's archive of news and highlight new developments in the field of human rights.

26. It is also worthwhile mentioning that in order to improve the sharing and retrieval of incoming correspondence, a digital registry has been established internally and is in the final stage of testing. All staff members have received training on this system and thus all incoming mail is now being scanned and distributed electronically.

27. The design structures for each of the above-mentioned databases were developed for internal and external use for ease of access and data consistency. The design structures are further refined and adapted according to users' needs.

C. External relations programme

1. Briefings

28. OHCHR regularly organizes briefings on United Nations activities in the field of human rights and on specific human rights issues for students, diplomats, journalists, public officials, academics, professors and non-governmental organizations. It also provides lecturers for briefings organized by the Department of Public Information. More than 60 such briefings were delivered by officers of the Office since the last report to the General Assembly.

2. Exhibitions and human rights observances

29. Since the last report to the General Assembly, OHCHR participated in the Open House Day organized at the Palais des Nations on 18 October 1998 as part of the activities to commemorate United Nations Day and the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The High Commissioner for Human Rights participated in a round table on the role of Switzerland and the United Nations, while OHCHR displayed stands with its main publications. All during the day, OHCHR staff gave brief lessons on the Universal Declaration; read fairy tales on the Universal Declaration to children; participated in a one-hour debate on trafficking of women and children; and briefed 260 Swiss students coming from the 26 cantons on various aspects of OHCHR's activities.

30. On the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, OHCHR organized a series of activities in the Palais Wilson. A videolink was established with New York to broadcast live the commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary with statements by the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General and the High Commissioner for Human Rights as well as the award ceremony of the United Nations Prize in the Field of Human Rights. The exhibit Human Rights Awardees was inaugurated to honour past and present winners of the Prize: it consisted of 42 panels, one for each recipient, presenting the laureate through biographical information and photographs.

31. Also on 10 December 1998, OHCHR collaborated with the Department of Public Information in the organization of a number of activities in the Palais des Nations, in particular an exhibition of paintings by William Wilson illustrating the articles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

32. As a follow-up to the drawing competition on human rights for children 4 to 12 years old launched in August 1998, on the occasion of the Fête de Genève, all participants were invited to the Palais Wilson on 11 December 1998 for an informal ceremony. All the drawings were on display; winners were given various United Nations human rights items and all participants received a book for children on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The children also met with various members of the Secretariat.

3. Fellowship programme

33. The General Assembly made direct provision for the human rights fellowship programme in its resolution 926 (X) of 14 December 1955. Under the terms of that resolution, assistance provided by the Secretary-General is to be rendered in agreement with Governments on the basis of their requests. Fellowships are awarded only to candidates nominated by their Governments, and are financed under the regular budget for advisory services.

34. The system of periodic reporting established within the context of all major international human rights instruments is the central element in monitoring full and effective national implementation of international human rights standards. In order to strengthen States parties' national capacity to submit reports to treaty monitoring bodies, OHCHR is offering fellowships to governmental and non-governmental officials and representatives.

35. In 1998, the fellowship training activity was carried out from 26 October to 6 November at the premises of the United Nations Staff College Programme in Turin, Italy. Twenty-six participants attended the activity from the following 14 countries: Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, China, Gambia, Georgia, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Latvia, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, United Republic of Tanzania, Viet Nam, Yemen and Zambia.

4. Internship programme

36. During the reporting period, OHCHR offered internships to graduate students to enable them to gain first-hand knowledge of United Nations actions and procedures in the field of human rights, through active participation in the work of the Office under the direct supervision of its staff members. Interns are placed according to the needs of Office and to their area of interest.

37. Internships are awarded without financial commitment of any kind on the part of OHCHR or the United Nations bodies. The need for funding interns from developing countries is an important priority for the Office.

5. Training courses and other technical cooperation activities with a public information element

38. An account of the training courses, seminars and workshops organized by OHCHR is given in the report of the Secretary-General to the Commission on Human Rights on technical cooperation in the field of human rights (E/CN.4/1999/99).

D. Coordination and cooperation within and outside the United Nations

1. Inter-agency cooperation

39. In keeping with General Assembly resolution 52/117 and Commission on Human Rights resolution 1997/35 requesting the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to continue to coordinate within the

United Nations system the preparation for the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, OHCHR convened during 1998 in Geneva nine inter-agency meetings. These meetings allowed participants to review joint projects and to exchange information on a number of ongoing activities carried out by the respective organizations in the framework of the anniversary. They also provided an opportunity to identify further forms of cooperation between OHCHR and the organizations concerned. Information, documentation and human rights education were the main items on the agenda of these meetings.

40. In implementing its publications programme, OHCHR cooperates with other bodies and organizations as well as with non-governmental organizations. An example of this cooperation was the series "1998: 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights - basic information kits". In each issue of the series, a special section was devoted to contributions from United Nations agencies and programmes.

2. Non-governmental organizations

41. Non-governmental organizations continue to cooperate actively with the United Nations bodies dealing with human rights, providing them with information and expertise. They also contribute effectively to the implementation of the activities of the World Campaign, especially in the areas of information, education and dissemination of United Nations materials and publications. The General Assembly made reference to the valuable action of non-governmental organizations in its resolution 52/127 in which it requested the Secretary-General to take advantage, as much as possible, of the collaboration of non-governmental organizations in the implementation of the World Public Information Campaign for Human Rights, including in the dissemination of human rights materials.

42. During the reporting period OHCHR received correspondence from non-governmental organizations throughout the world, requesting publications, information and participation by the Office in various events (seminars, workshops, conferences and celebrations).

3. Academic and research institutions

43. OHCHR regularly cooperates with the International Institute for Human Rights at Strasbourg, France; the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights; the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights at San José; the International Institute of Humanitarian Law at San Remo, Italy; the International Institute of Higher Studies in Criminal Sciences, at Siracusa, Italy; the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law at Lund, Sweden; the Graduate Institute of International Studies at Geneva; the Arab Institute for Human Rights at Tunis; the African Centre for Democracy and Human Rights at Banjul, and similar institutions worldwide.

II. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INFORMATION

44. The Department of Public Information (DPI) continued to initiate and coordinate activities within the framework of the World Public Information Campaign and the United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education, 1995-2004,

which also coincided with the observance period of the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The Department's multimedia approach strives to ensure effective coverage of United Nations human rights activities, as well as worldwide distribution of relevant human rights information materials. This work is also being carried out within the framework of three other ongoing decades: the Third Decade for the Elimination of Racism and Racial Discrimination, 1993-2003; the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People, 1995-2004; and the United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty, 1997-2006.

45. The Department continues to have a mandate under the thematic heading of human rights, but also carries out other mandated programmes in such related areas as social, cultural and economic rights, the rights of specific groups, and other major issues such as the question of Palestine, decolonization, the advancement of women, and the International Criminal Court. The Department's related activities are reported to the General Assembly and to other intergovernmental bodies under each specific area or issue.

46. The multimedia approach of the Department includes the production of print materials - from brochures to backgrounders, posters and media. These materials are produced in a variety of languages, mainly through the network of 68 United Nations information centres and services and the eight United Nations Offices throughout the world. The material is also disseminated electronically and is available on the Internet on the United Nations home page in English, French and Spanish. The multimedia approach also entails radio and television programmes; press conferences, press briefings and special events; exhibits; special media outreach activities; activities with educational organizations and non-governmental organizations; and public services for visitors and queries.

47. During the period January 1997 to December 1998, the Department actively pursued its information campaign on human rights issues. Because of the great demand for publications, the Department printed or reprinted and widely disseminated, *inter alia*:

(a) Booklets: *United Nations Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance* (DPI/1709), in English (20,000), French (15,000) and Spanish (15,000) in March 1997; *UN Declaration and Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination* (DPI/858/Rev.1), in English (15,000) in June 1997; *Convention on the Rights of the Child* (DPI/1101/Rev.1), reprinted in English (20,000) in November 1998; and *Impact of Armed Conflict on Children* (DPI/1834), in French (3,000) and Spanish (2,000) in February 1997 with reprint in English (5,000) in August 1998;

(b) Posters: *Universal Declaration of Human Rights* (DPI/1653), poster/brochure reprint in English (15,000), French (8,000) and Spanish (8,000) released in February 1997 and in Arabic (5,000), Russian (5,000) and Chinese (3,000) in September 1997; *International Decade of the World's Indigenous People* (DPI/1813), released in English (21,000), French (10,000) and Spanish (10,000) in September 1997; *Universal Declaration of Human Rights 50th Anniversary* (DPI/1900), multilingual poster (70,000) released in September 1997 and reprinted (70,000) in May 1998;

(c) Other materials: *Universal Declaration of Human Rights* (DPI/876/Rev.2), passbook reprint released in English (180,000), French (60,000), Spanish (80,000), Arabic (30,000) and Russian (30,000) in August 1998; *Human Rights 50th Anniversary logo reproduction sheet* (DPI/1928), released in English (20,000) in September 1997; and reprinted (15,000) in March 1998; *Human Rights 50th Anniversary text reproduction sheet* (DPI/1929), released (multilingual) in September 1997 (20,000); and reprinted (15,000) in March 1998; *UDHR 50th Anniversary press kit cover* (DPI/1937) released in English (10,000) and French (5,000) in December 1997.

48. To raise awareness of the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Department released an interim and then final press kit which contained the following backgrounders, all produced in English (20,000) and French (10,000) and made available in Spanish on Internet; *The Universal Declaration of Human Rights: A Magna Carta for All Humanity* (DPI/1937/A); *Indigenous People: Challenges facing the international community* (DPI/1937/B); *Human Rights in Action: Monitoring Compliance through Treaty Bodies and Special Rapporteurs* (DPI/1937/C); *Mary Robinson Biographical Note* (DPI/1937/D); *Speech of Ms. Mary Robinson: Realizing Human Rights: "Taking hold of it boldly and duly"* (DPI/1937/E); *The Right to Development* (DPI/1937/F); *UDHR Illuminates Global Pluralism, SG Speech at Tehran University* (DPI/1937/G), all of the above released in March 1998; *Human Rights in Action: Field Operations* (DPI/1937/H),); *UN Action to Combat Intolerance and Racism* (DPI/1937/I); *Education: A Tool for the Elimination of Human Rights Violations* (DPI/1937/J), all published in November 1998; and *Human Rights Defenders - the front line struggle for human rights*, produced in English (2,000) in December 1998. A quiz game to test students' knowledge of human rights and entitled *The UN at your fingertips: questions and answers* (DPI/1940) was released in English (20,000) in August 1998, with the French version available on the United Nations Website; A *UDHR 50th Anniversary bookmark* (DPI/1945) was printed in English/French (25,000) in February 1998, and reprinted (30,000) in November 1998; A *UDHR 50th Anniversary brochure* (DPI/1967) based on the 1997 DPI Exhibit on the Declaration was produced in English (25,000) in August 1998, and French (10,000) and Spanish (5,000) in October 1998, English reprint (20,000) in November 1998; and a Human Rights fact sheet, *Fifty Years of Human Rights*, in English.

49. The Department also produced print materials to raise awareness of related issues, including women's rights. These included brochures, special press releases, booklets and factsheets.

50. For the United Nations Diplomatic Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Establishment of an International Criminal Court which took place in Rome from 15 June to 17 July 1998, the Department produced a press kit with the following materials: *International Criminal Court (ICC) Logo Reproduction Sheet* (DPI/1951), in English (20,000) and *International Criminal Court (ICC) Text Reproduction Sheet* (DPI/1952), in multilingual (20,000), both releaased in March 1998; *International Criminal Court Poster* (DPI/1958), multilingual (30,000) in May 1998; A press kit cover (DPI/1960), in English (5,000) and French (3,000) in May 1998 with the following backgrounders and inserts produced in English (10,000) and French (5,000) and made available in Spanish on the Internet: *Crimes within the Court's Jurisdiction* (DPI/1960/A), *Trigger Mechanisms and the Exercise of the Court's Jurisdiction* (DPI/1960/B), *Bringing*

Justice to the Victims (DPI/1960/C), *The Draft Statute* (DPI/1960/D), and *International Criminal Court brochure* (DPI/1969), all printed in May 1998; *Information for Media* (DPI/1960/E), *Media Advisory: UN to Establish an International Criminal Court* (DPI/1960/F), and *Hans Corell Biography* (DPI/1960/G), all released in June 1998. UNIC Rome translated the entire contents of the media kit for national dissemination.

51. Further to its efforts to mainstream human rights, DPI also produced a backgrounder on *Families: Educators and Providers of Human Rights* (DPI/1980) in English in April 1998. A backgrounder entitled *Poverty: An Obstacle to Human Rights* (DPI/2015) was produced in English. Both were widely disseminated.

52. These print materials, as well as DPI press releases on United Nations meetings and documents, were distributed electronically to the network of information centres and services in addition to being posted on the United Nations Website on the Internet. From January 1997 to December 1998, some 400 DPI press releases on human rights issues were distributed in English and French. In addition, the Department reissued at Headquarters the UNIS Geneva press releases on the Commission on Human Rights, the treaty bodies and the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities in order to ensure wide dissemination. All these press releases were also posted on the United Nations home page which, as of December 1998, averaged 2,840,000 hits per week.

53. The Department of Public Information, with the assistance of several United Nations information centres, undertook a special project to have pro bono advertisements for the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration placed in airline in-flight magazines. The material provided to these magazines included archival photographs, the text of the Universal Declaration, graphics of the logo and slogan for the fiftieth anniversary and other background information. Eight magazines responded to this initiative. Air France produced a special edition on the fiftieth anniversary and the following airlines included articles, graphics or photographs: Aeromexico, Air Canada, British Airways, Lan Chile, Middle East Airlines, Qantas Airways and Virgin Atlantic.

54. The *Yearbook of the United Nations*, published each year by the Department, devotes a separate three-chapter section to all aspects of human rights. The chapters highlight the work of the Commission on Human Rights and its Sub-Commission, and discuss in detail the implementation of all important human rights conventions. In addition, the *Yearbook* summarizes the reports of the United Nations special rapporteurs.

55. The second edition in the DPI publication series *UN Briefing Papers*, which was devoted to United Nations work in the area of human rights and entitled "Human Rights Today: A United Nations Priority" (DPI/1998), was released in October 1998 in English, French and Spanish in print and electronic versions. The new edition of the reference book *Basic Facts About the United Nations*, published in English in September 1998, contained a revised chapter on human rights that included the human rights dimension of United Nations activities in the areas of peace and security, development and

humanitarian assistance. The revised editions of *UN in Brief and Image and Reality* continued to include updated material on United Nations human rights activities.

56. The DPI publication, *Africa Recovery*, published a total of 25 articles pertaining to human rights in Africa. In addition, it published a briefing paper, *Women in Africa's Development*, which looked at obstacles, including human rights issues, affecting women in Africa.

57. The DPI publication, *UN Chronicle*, featured a number of articles devoted to human rights, among them: articles relating to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and the Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance; essays by Mary Robinson and Jose Ayala-Lasso, former High Commissioner for Human Rights; a special section on violence against women; an article on a United Nations report on the death penalty issue; and an article by Joaquim Chissano, President of Mozambique.

58. In the context of the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration, four Nobel Laureates - Nadine Gordimer, John C. Polanyi, M. N. Perutz and Desmond Tutu - contributed essays to *UN Chronicle*. In addition, there were articles by Dimitru Mazilu, former Vice-President of Romania; Thomas Hammarberg, the Secretary-General's Special Representative for human rights in Cambodia; Judge C. F. Amerasinghe, member of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal; and Francesco Paolo Fulci, Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations. The publication now carries a regular "Rights Watch" section.

59. The Dag Hammarskjold Library (DHL) carried out various activities on human rights, *inter alia*: (a) a Human Rights site was posted on the Intranet (Cyberlinks), which lists selected United Nations and non-United Nations Websites; (b) a special training course entitled "Human Rights: resources on the World Wide Web" was designed and added to DHL's training programme; and (c) DHL requested its network of depository libraries to organize activities to mark the fiftieth Anniversary of the Universal Declaration and Human Rights Day.

60. As a part of the system-wide efforts to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration, the DPI Sales and Marketing Section also undertook various activities. The efforts, in particular, focused on the production of information resources aimed at making accessible human rights-related books, electronic products and other information resources, and the development of a line of commemorative gift items. Two human rights publication catalogues were produced, containing selected books and electronic products intended to illuminate the key aspects of human rights in relation to international law, the United Nations common system, Governments and non-governmental organizations. The catalogues were widely distributed to libraries, academics, lawyers, NGOs and government officials. English and French versions of the catalogue were produced by the Geneva and New York sales offices.

61. The DPI CyberSchoolBus expanded its role significantly by linking to the live webcast of the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal

Declaration, thereby providing access to young learners across the globe. This was in addition to another ongoing human rights project of collecting stories from young human rights activists from around the world.

62. UNTV activities relating to human rights included: (a) sending historical archival material and a fiftieth anniversary public service announcement (PSA) via satellite to international television organizations and national broadcasters in December 1997; (b) distributing a 30-second and a 60-second PSA, produced in collaboration with Bozell Advertising in New York, in all official languages in December 1998; (c) providing and distributing statements by the Secretary-General and the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

63. *World Chronicle* TV programmes dealt with specific aspects of human rights, such as children's rights, women's rights, and the right to development. A TV discussion programme featuring the High Commissioner for Human Rights was taped in New York in October 1998 and cablecast in the United States and six other countries. The UNTV series in five languages, "UN in Action", which is distributed to broadcasters in more than 100 countries and is shown on the weekly programme "CNN World Report", also focused on human rights stories. A compilation of UNTV human rights stories won the Intercom Silver Plaque Award in 1998 at the prestigious Chicago International Film Festival. A feature documentary on the origins and development of the Universal Declaration, "For Everyone, Everywhere", was completed and distributed by UNTV in October 1998 for use by broadcasters for fiftieth anniversary events. The documentary, which is narrated in English by Harrison Ford and in French by Isabelle Huppert, is available in all six official languages. It has already been transmitted by a number of major broadcasting organizations. The DPI "Year in Review", a video produced at the end of each year to highlight United Nations activities, included human rights issues. It is produced in six language versions and seen in over 150 countries.

64. UN Radio covered all aspects of human rights and related issues in its news bulletin, current affairs magazine and regional magazine programmes. In addition, it produced 33 feature programmes exclusively devoted to the question of human rights, in English, Chinese, Hindi, Indonesian, French, French-Creole, Kiswahili, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish and Turkish.

65. UN Radio also organized and hosted two live 30-minute worldwide radio broadcasts with the High Commissioner, one in 1997 and another in 1998. Ms. Robinson fielded questions on a range of human rights issues from journalists at 10 radio networks around the world. The shows were broadcast on five continents and also posted on the Internet. In addition, UN Radio also produced a special series of 10 featurettes in English exploring major population issues in the light of human rights.

66. Special events to observe international days or years were another way of promoting human rights issues. These were organized by the Department at Headquarters, and the United Nations information centres and services undertook such activities at the national and local levels. The special

events included, among others, International Day of the World's Indigenous People (9 August), International Women's Day (8 March), International Day of Tolerance (16 November), and Human Rights Day (10 December).

67. For example, on 5 March 1998, DPI organized a commemoration of International Women's Day on the topic "Women and Human Rights". Featured speakers included the High Commissioner, who presented the keynote address; Louise Fréchette, United Nations Deputy Secretary-General; Angela King, Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women; Musimbi Kanyoro, General Secretary of the World Young Women's Christian Association; and Patricia Flor, Chairperson of the Commission on the Status of Women.

68. In preparation for United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture, which was observed for the first time on 26 June 1998, the Department produced a two-page information sheet, which was distributed to journalists and through United Nations information offices. At Headquarters, DPI coordinated a press conference featuring Wally Bacre Ndiaye, the head of the New York office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, and Dr. Allen Keller of the Bellevue/New York University Program for Torture Survivors. DPI also helped to organize an exhibit at Headquarters, co-sponsored by the Office of the High Commissioner and the International Council for the Rehabilitation of Torture Victims. The exhibit was opened by Mr. Ndiaye and Ambassador Jorgen Bojer of the Permanent Mission of Denmark.

69. For the International Day of the World's Indigenous People, indigenous people from around the world gathered at Headquarters on 5 and 6 August 1998 to participate in special events. On 5 August, messages from the Secretary-General and from the High Commissioner were read, and a sacred pipe ceremony was conducted by Arvol Looking Horse, the nineteenth-generation "Keeper of the Sacred Buffalo Calf Pipe" of the Lakota people. Panel discussions on the theme of education and language as well as a workshop focusing on human rights programmes and reporting mechanisms then took place.

A. Launch of the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

70. Three events were held on the occasion of Human Rights Day in 1997 to launch the fiftieth anniversary. The DPI International Journalists Roundtable on Human Rights, held on 8 and 9 December, consisted of four panel discussions on the topics of the media and human rights, human rights in action, the right to development, and women and children's rights. Journalists from around the world and media in the New York area participated. The keynote address was given by Fareed Zakaria, managing editor of *Foreign Affairs*. Other speakers included Philip Alston, Chairman of the United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, Ilene Cohn, Visiting Human Rights Fellow at Harvard University and former United Nations human rights monitor in El Salvador and Guatemala; and Colin Granderson, Executive Director of the United Nations Human Rights Mission in Haiti.

71. The official launch of the anniversary, held in the ECOSOC Chamber, featured Hillary Rodham Clinton, First Lady of the United States of America; Philip Alston; Nafis Sadik, Executive Secretary of the United Nations

Population Fund; Ambassador Kamalesh Sharma, Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations; Wole Soyinka, Nobel Prize Laureate for Literature; and Olara Otunnu, Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the impact of armed conflict on children.

72. Also on that occasion, DPI held a special event involving students and teachers at United Nations Headquarters. In this interactive event, each participating school made a formal presentation on human rights in the form of a group essay or a speech. For the first time, DPI invited schools in the United States to such an observance.

73. A photographic exhibit to commemorate the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was designed by DPI and displayed at Headquarters from December 1997 through March 1998. The exhibit then travelled to Geneva for the Commission on Human Rights from mid-March through April. A portion of the exhibit was then on display in Ottawa, Canada, before it travelled to Washington, D.C., and Ramapo College in New Jersey. An expanded exhibition was displayed at Headquarters on 10 December 1998. A collection of Human Rights lithographs, presented to the Secretary-General by the King of Spain in 1984, travelled to four locations in Europe in 1998, with the design assistance and organizational support of DPI. In order to promote public awareness of human rights, the Department also designed billboards on the Universal Declaration for airports in New York City and San Francisco.

74. The Department, in cooperation with the Executive Committee of Non-Governmental Organizations associated with DPI, held its fifty-first annual DPI/NGO conference at Headquarters from 14 to 16 September 1998. The theme of the Conference was "The Fiftieth Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: From Words to Deeds". The three-day event focused on the impact which the Declaration has had on societies around the world. Panel discussions addressed an overview of human rights issues and the universality of human rights, the impact of globalization on development, cross-border issues, building and strengthening human rights institutions, the relationship between human rights and peace, and human rights education. A total of 1,800 NGO representatives attended.

75. In its outreach activities, particularly as they relate to students and educators, the Department has consistently promoted a better understanding and knowledge about human rights. The Universal Declaration was reissued with a parallel read-easy version and classroom exercises. Two new publications produced specifically for students at intermediate and secondary levels, *This is the United Nations* (DPI/1938) and *Everything You Always Wanted to Know About the United Nations* (DPI/1888), also extensively covered human rights issues. Extracts from *Teaching About Human Rights*, a DPI teaching manual, was also reissued for use by teachers. Each month, DPI forwarded several hundred information packets to teachers which included the Universal Declaration and other human rights-related material.

76. The Department, in association with various partners within the United Nations and outside, arranged several workshops for teachers. In 1998, this was done under an arrangement with the United Federation of Teachers and the New York City Board of Education. On 11 December 1998, about 350 students and 220 observers attended a Student Conference on Human Rights, which was

organized by DPI in association with the New York City Board of Education, the United Nations Association of the United States, UNA-USA, the International Bridges Project, Global Education Motivators, ASPnet/USA, and Lift Every Voice, Inc. Student delegates came from 125 schools in the United States as well as Argentina, Belgium, Mexico, the Russian Federation and Sweden. The delegates drafted and adopted their own declaration.

77. During the reporting period, DPI arranged a total of 79 briefings for 5,893 participants on issues related to human rights. United Nations senior officials, including representatives of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, addressed students, teachers and NGOs. In addition, DPI arranged 11 outside speaking engagements with 1,683 participants. It handled 8,507 inquiries on human rights from the public. It was noted that a growing number of queries are from students and more are being received through e-mail. Human rights issues continued to be covered in the Headquarters guided tours. With illustrated versions of the Universal Declaration on display, visitors learn from professional guides about the role of the United Nations in promoting and protecting human rights. An estimated 450,000 people visit United Nations Headquarters each year.

B. Activities at Headquarters for the fiftieth anniversary, 10 December 1998

78. Events at Headquarters on 10 December 1998 were numerous and varied, several requiring close cooperation between the Department of Public Information, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Department of General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services, the Office of the United Nations Security Coordinator and Buildings Maintenance Service and the Office the Assistant Secretary-General for External Affairs.

79. The Human Rights Film Festival, organized by the International Council of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (NATAS) in cooperation with the Department of Public Information, included screenings of documentaries in the Dag Hamarskjold Library Auditorium on 3, 4, 7 and 9 December. The premiere of the DPI documentary, "For Everyone, Everywhere", containing archival footage on the history of the Universal Declaration, took place on 7 December. Each documentary was followed by a panel discussion.

80. The 1998 Human Rights Prize ceremony took place in the General Assembly in the presence of the Secretary-General and the High Commissioner. The Department, in cooperation with OHCHR, organized a press conference for the Human Rights awardees immediately afterwards.

81. The Secretary-General officially opened the DPI Human Rights Exhibit on Human Rights Day. As mentioned previously, an initial portion of the exhibit was first displayed in 1997, with various parts of it displayed around the world during the year. The expanded exhibit included additional panels, several with information on all Human Rights Prize awardees since 1968. The President of the General Assembly and the five 1998 Human Rights Prizes recipients were among the guests present.

82. Another event co-sponsored by DPI and OHCHR featured three Messengers of Peace: Luciano Pavarotti, Michael Douglas and Anna Cataldi. They presented

the Secretary-General with the children's passport version of the Universal Declaration, which they then distributed to visiting children. This version, designed by Giorgio Baravalle and printed by Cairopubblicità (Milan, Italy), will eventually be reproduced in all 260 languages of the Universal Declaration.

83. A special event, co-sponsored by the Permanent Mission of San Marino, the OHCHR and DPI, was organized to launch the United Nations Website. The event, moderated by the Assistant Secretary-General for External Relations, opened with remarks by the Secretary-General. Other speakers included the President of the General Assembly and the Minister of Foreign and Political Affairs of San Marino. The launch of the Website was followed by a reception hosted by the Republic of San Marino.

84. An evening recital in the General Assembly Hall featured two famous performers, Luciano Pavarotti and Wynton Marsalis, as the highlight of the Day. A reading of the articles of the Universal Declaration by several teenagers was interspersed throughout the programme.

C. Activities of United Nations Information Centres and Services

UNIS Geneva

85. The United Nations Information Service at Geneva continued to play a special role in the promotion of the work of the United Nations concerning human rights, especially the activities of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. The Service provided sustained and in-depth support to all aspects of the work of the High Commissioner and the United Nations human rights programme, including press release coverage of treaty bodies at Geneva, the Commission on Human Rights, the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities and other human rights activities; regular briefings of the Geneva-based press; information support to the field; acting as Geneva spokesperson for the High Commissioner and the human rights programme; and briefings for Geneva-based NGOs, among others.

86. During the reporting period, the Service produced a total of 1,679 press releases on human rights, 866 in English and 813 in French. In addition, the Service reissued press releases from DPI at Headquarters relating to human rights, including the Secretary-General's statements. UNIS Geneva press releases are distributed to 250 correspondents of the UNOG press corps and posted on the United Nations Website.

87. In 1997/98, UNIS Geneva collaborated with the Internet team of OHCHR to ensure that press releases of both the Commission and the Sub-Commission were available with links on its site. This proved valuable to journalists, students and NGOs, among others. The Service also launched its own home page in English and French, which gives prominence to human rights developments.

88. During the reporting period, 99 press conferences were held on human rights issues, four of them by the High Commissioner for Human Rights. Most of the press conferences were given by the special rapporteurs during the Commission on Human Rights.

89. In its television (115 outputs) and radio (162 outputs) programmes, UNIS Geneva also covered the Commission, Sub-commission and press conferences given by the High Commissioner, human rights experts, and government representatives for, *inter alia*, Associated Press/World Television News, Reuters Television and CNN. It liaised with visiting television crews and provided satellite transmission services. Through the European Broadcasting Union, UNTV coverage was distributed to television stations throughout the world, including 30 items on the Commission's fifty-third session in 1997 and 42 items on its fifty-fourth session in 1998.

90. During the 1997 sessions of the Commission and the Sub-Commission, UNIS Geneva organized 37 NGO briefings by special rapporteurs and experts. In 1998, it organized its annual DPI/NGO conference on the theme "Education and Human Rights: from Words to Deeds". More than 200 NGOs were invited. The event also included a live telecast of the same event held simultaneously at Headquarters.

91. UNIS worked in close consultation with OHCHR to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human RIghts. On Human Rights Day 1997, UNIS inaugurated a "Human Rights Corner" to draw attention to the fiftieth anniversary. Besides the series of events that culminated in a special observance on Human Rights Day 1998, UNIS continued to take the lead in organizing commemorations at the Palais des Nations of other international days, such as International Women's Day (8 March), International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (21 March), International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (17 October), and International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People (29 November).

92. UNIS Geneva organized the production of a special exhibit commemorating the anniversary for the annual Open Day held at the Palais des Nations, with the support of the European Parliament. The Service arranged for its shipment to Geneva and transport to the European Parliament at Strasbourg, France. This exhibit, with texts in English and French, was comprised of three parts: a historical introduction to the Declaration, selected articles of the Declaration, and a section on human rights in the coming century.

93. UNIS Geneva organized the thirty-sixth annual Graduate Study Programme from 6 to 24 July 1998 on the theme "All Human Rights for All: a Critical Appraisal". Eighty international post-graduate students and young diplomats, selected on the basis of academic distinction or professional expertise, attended seminars given by human rights and other specialists, and produced a final document on the topic.

94. In the run-up to the 1998 Human Rights Day, UNIS Geneva wrote to 80 editors in chief in Switzerland requesting them to publish the Universal Declaration of Human Rights on 10 December, which yielded positive results. It monitored the press in the host country, especially in the German-speaking part, prepared summaries of the articles, and produced a special media report on the press coverage of the anniversary in Switzerland.

95. During 1997-1998, UNIS successfully implemented a programme of informing information centres of the work of the treaty bodies that meet at Geneva.

Country reports are sent to concerned UNICs, along with background press releases and the final observations of each body. In return, UNICs are requested to provide opinion-oriented articles on the human rights debate and statements on government practices to UNIS Geneva. This information is submitted to OHCHR, which can then evaluate the impact of the human rights programme in the international media, and respond to misperceptions as they arise. For those meetings at Headquarters, DPI provides the same services and reporting.

United Nations information centres and services and United Nations Offices

96. More than 59 United Nations information centres, services and offices commemorated Human Rights Day on 10 December 1997, helping to launch the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Working in cooperation with Governments and civil society around the world, the information centres organized press conferences, seminars and student rallies, produced radio and television programmes, and translated the Universal Declaration. It would be impossible to reflect comprehensively all of the activities undertaken by the network of United Nations Information Centres and Services during the reporting period. Highlights of the 1997 activities were contained in the report on the United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education, 1995-2004, and public information activities in the field of human rights (A/53/313).

97. In 1998, the UNICs and UNISs carried out a variety of activities, many within the context of the observance of the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration after the launch in December 1997. Many of their activities targeted youth. They collaborated with schools, educators and student groups to develop educational activities on Human Rights Day. Younger students were involved in briefings designed to present the Universal Declaration for Human Rights in an easy-to-understand format, often including drawing competitions, question-and-answer sessions and special projects. Older students took part in Model United Nations conferences, quiz programmes, poster and slogan competitions and debates.

98. UNIC Accra, the Ministry of Education and the Ghana Education Service prepared a Human Rights Day curriculum for all ages. UNIC Asuncion and the Baha'i Community held a poster competition for some 30,000 students at 200 schools. UNIC Buenos Aires launched an interactive educational series, consisting of two diskettes entitled "All Human Rights for All", containing summaries of covenants and treaties as well as games and classroom exercises for primary and secondary school students. UNIC Colombo held an award ceremony for the schoolchildren of the Southern Province who had taken part in an essay and speech contest co-organized by the Centre and the Movement for the Defence of Democratic Rights. UNIC Copenhagen launched its educational human rights CD-ROM, produced in cooperation with the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the United Nations Association of Denmark and the Danish Centre for Human Rights. UNIC Cairo and Zagazig University held a seminar on human rights, featuring the Dean of the Law School and prominent NGOs. UNIC Dhaka and the NGO Youth Development Society jointly organized a rally in the district of Jhenaidah to mark Human Rights Day, with NGOs, students and human rights activists participating.

99. UNIC Kathmandu organized school programmes in the city and in five districts outside Kathmandu. UNIC Lagos and the National Human Rights Commission co-sponsored a nationwide human rights essay contest for secondary school students. UNIC Lima and *El Comercio*, the country's largest newspaper, brought together 750 high school students for a human rights workshop during which participants viewed the DPI video, "For Everyone, Everywhere", and produced a supplement published by the newspaper. UNIC Madrid arranged for a popular youth television series, "Be Home by Eleven", to dedicate an episode to a discussion about human rights and the fiftieth anniversary. UNIC Manila, the NGO Task Force for Detainees and the Student Council of the Maryhill School of Theology marked Human Rights Day with a symposium examining the Universal Declaration and the countries of the Asian-Pacific region.

100. UNIC Mexico City trained university students to brief elementary school students on human rights, and some 3,000 children took part in the "Children's Global Mail for Peace" project that donated a selection of their drawings to the DPI Human Rights Day Exhibit. A representative of UNIC Moscow delivered a speech at the opening of a Model UN conference focusing on human rights and the Universal Declaration. UNIC New Delhi collaborated with the NGO United Schools Organization to disseminate posters with the text of the Universal Declaration printed in Bhutanese, English, Hindi and Marathi to schools in New Delhi and Bhutan. UNIC Panama City, in cooperation with private sector partners, held a national high school drawing competition in which each student interpreted an article of the Universal Declaration. UNIC Port of Spain led a youth rally through the streets of the city on Human Rights Day. UNIC Rio de Janeiro commemorated Human Rights Day and the fiftieth anniversary of the high school of the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro with a ceremony, round table and children's play. UNIC Rome, the Opera House La Scala of Milan, the municipality of Milan and two private sector companies co-sponsored a concert to benefit the children of Kosovo.

101. UNIC Sydney addressed the Burewood Girls High School on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and how the international community should continue to strengthen and renew its commitment to human rights in the twenty-first century. UNIC Warsaw, the Ministry of National Education, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Helsinki Foundation sponsored a nationwide secondary-school essay contest on the Universal Declaration.

102. UNO Azerbaijan gave a lecture on the Universal Declaration at the Lahic village school in the Ismaili district of Azerbaijan. UNO Belarus presented its cartoon booklet for children entitled *The Universal Declaration of Human Rights in Pictures* at an event for teachers and students in one of the largest regional centres in the country, Vitebsk. UNO Kazakhstan and the NGO "Association of Young Leaders" held a Model UN conference dedicated to human rights for 200 students from all regions of the country. UNO Uzbekistan and the National Centre for Human Rights published, in Russian and Uzbek, a cartoon booklet for children on the Universal Declaration.

103. UNICs also involved a number of local partners in the organizing of special events on and around Human Rights Day. These events included public forums, concerts, marches, sporting events and the sale of national postage stamps embossed with the logo of the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration. UNIC Asuncion collaborated with the Postal Authority in Paraguay

to issue a commemorative fiftieth anniversary stamp. UNIC Islamabad and the Pakistan postal authorities launched a commemorative fiftieth anniversary stamp on Human Rights Day. UNIC Madrid held a national contest for the design of a commemorative postage stamp, in cooperation with the Spanish postal authorities, Unión Fenosa-Acex and the Federation of Associations for the Defence and Promotion of Human Rights in Spain. UNIC Rabat, in cooperation with the Ministry of Post and Telecommunications of Morocco, arranged for the issuance of two commemorative fiftieth anniversary stamps on Human Rights Day.

104. UNIC Accra and the Commission on Human Rights and Administrative Justice held a public forum on human rights, attended by some 200 people. UNIC Athens held a nationwide brochure competition commemorating the fiftieth anniversary in which each entry was required to incorporate the text of the Declaration and the anniversary logo. UNIS Bangkok, the International Movement ATD Fourth World, the French Embassy and the Alliance Française organized an NGO conference to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration. UNIC Bujumbura and the Association of Human Rights in Burundi sponsored a song competition, attended by 400 people. UNIC Buenos Aires and the Government held a torchlight procession on the evening of 10 December, attended by 3,000 people, which concluded with a fireworks display.

105. Amnesty International, in cooperation with UNIC Copenhagen and the Danish Centre for Human Rights, held a torchlight procession on Human Rights Day. UNIC Dhaka and the poetry association Meghdot Abriti Sangsad held a reading of human rights poems by the leading poets of Bangladesh. UNIC Harare and the national committee to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary held a special Human Rights Day event in the Harare Gardens, with a tree-planting. UNIC Jakarta and members of the United Nations system organized a special event on Human Rights Day that included an information fair, the screening of the Secretary-General's video-taped message and the DPI video, "For Everyone, Everywhere", and the launch of the Website of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

106. UNIC Lisbon and the Government organized a special session of the Portuguese Parliament at which two measures were announced: the proclamation of 10 December as National Human Rights Day, and the creation of a special medal to be awarded to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the defence of human rights. In cooperation with UNIC London, a commemorative service was held at Westminister Abbey, organized by Amnesty International and UNA-UK. UNIC Madrid distributed two commemorative phone cards produced in cooperation with Telefónica, the national telephone company. UNIC Manila hosted an NGO event organized by the Philippine Alliance of Human Rights Advocates at which awards were presented to several NGOs for their work in the field of human rights. UNIC Mexico City and the city's Human Rights Commission held several events during a week-long observance of the fiftieth anniversary, including round tables on democracy, tolerance and human rights, a journalists' encounter, and a painting event for children. UNIC Moscow co-sponsored the Fourth Annual Human Rights Film Festival, which was organized by the Russian Guild of Film Directors and was dedicated to the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration.

107. UNIC Nairobi organized a series of events at the French Cultural Centre, including the screening of the Secretary-General's message and an official

ceremony, followed by a film on children's rights, the opening of a human rights exhibit and a concert. UNIC New Delhi and the National Human Rights Commission organized a ceremony at the India Habitat Centre. At the initiative of UNIC Panama City, the National Lottery Association issued a commemorative lottery ticket bearing the fiftieth anniversary logo and a brief text on the anniversary. UNIC Paris provided logistical and media assistance to the Secretary-General who was in Paris just prior to Human Rights Day to address the National Assembly. The Centre also made arrangements for the Secretary-General to receive a book of 10 million human rights petitions, collected by Amnesty International to mark the fiftieth anniversary.

108. UNIC Port of Spain organized a Human Rights Day ceremony at which the President of Trinidad and Tobago paid tribute to the United Nations for its work in the field of human rights. UNIC Prague and the Office of the President of the Czech Republic organized a human rights festival at Prague Castle, which included musical performances by human rights activists. UNIC Rabat and the Moroccan Committee on Human Rights kicked off a national human rights campaign, launched simultaneously in Casablanca, Marrakesh and Rabat.

109. At the initiative of UNIC Rome, a joint worldwide advocacy programme was undertaken in collaboration with Benetton, the Italian clothing company, in which the fiftieth anniversary logo and texts of articles from the Universal Declaration were featured on billboards and posters as well as in television, newspaper and magazine advertisements. UNIC Sana'a and UNA-Yemen held a soccer tournament between two leading teams which was attended by 2,000 people. UNIC Santa Fe de Bogota and the network of NGOs Colombia-Europa organized an outdoor rock concert for 45,000 people. UNIC Windhoek, UNESCO, the Ministry of Justice and the University of Namibia organized a ceremony held at the conclusion of a three-day conference to discuss regional human rights issues and to review progress made since the 1993 World Conference on Human Rights. UNIC Yangon and members of the United Nations system in Myanmar held a Human Rights Day ceremony for 400 people.

110. UNICs organized Human Rights Day seminars, public debates and round tables on such important issues as the Government's role in safeguarding against human rights violations, the establishment of the International Criminal Court, preventing human rights abuses during war and protecting human rights in the twenty-first century. These events engaged government officials, NGOs, academics and policy makers in active discussion about United Nations activities in the field of human rights and action being taken on the national and local levels.

111. Such events were carried out, inter alia, by the UNICs in Athens, Brussels, Bucharest, Colombo, Dakar, Dhaka, Lagos, Lisbon, London, Madrid, Manila, Maseru, Mexico City, Moscow, New Delhi, Paris, Port of Spain, Rome, Sana'a, Santa Fe de Bogota, Sydney, Tehran, Tokyo, Warsaw and Washington. UNO Azerbaijan and UNO Kazakhstan also reported such activities.

112. Numerous exhibits were mounted by UNICs and UNISs for the fiftieth anniversary. UNIC Accra, in cooperation with the French Embassy and the Commission on Human Rights and Administrative Justice, mounted an exhibit

and screened the DPI film, "For Everyone, Everywhere", at the Alliance Française. With the United Colours of Benetton, UNIC Asuncion sponsored an exhibit of sculptures and paintings on the theme of human rights by popular national artists at the National Museum. UNIC Athens organized an exhibit of United Nations photos, posters and enlarged samples of the Universal Declaration brochures produced in a national competition held by the Centre earlier in the year. UNIC Beirut set up an information stand to distribute United Nations human rights publications during the city's forty-second International Book Fair. UNIC Brussels set up information kiosks at a Human Rights Day conference in the Netherlands and in Ghent, Belgium, organized by a consortium of NGOs. UNIC Buenos Aires and the municipality of San Isidro mounted an exhibit entitled "Fifty Years of Human Rights in Pictures" in the San Isidro parliament building, and the city of San Isidro produced 500 large street banners which were prominently displayed throughout the city.

113. UNIC Copenhagen and the Danish Centre for Human Rights mounted a three-month exhibit at the National Museum depicting each of the articles of the Universal Declaration. UNIC Dhaka and the Law Department of Chittagong University organized a human rights publications exhibit at the university, which included five publications translated into Bengali by the Centre. UNIC Islamabad held a three-day exhibit at the National Museum of 150 historic photographs and posters depicting articles of the Universal Declaration. The Centre also arranged to have the DPI video, "For Everyone, Everywhere", screened for visitors. UNIC Lima and the National Library of Peru mounted a photo and book exhibit in honour of the fiftieth anniversary. UNIC Lomé provided posters on the Universal Declaration for an exhibit mounted at the Human Rights Documentation Centre. UNIC London provided information materials for a human rights photo exhibit mounted at the Tom Blau Gallery in London. UNIC Mexico City and 25 organizations took part in an information fair organized by the National Commission on Human Rights.

114. UNIC Moscow and the Human Rights Publishers company mounted an exhibit of human rights publications. UNIC Ouagadougou, in cooperation with 20 human rights NGOs and international organizations, mounted an information fair at the Centre that was inaugurated by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Justice. UNIC Panama City, in collaboration with 36 well-known national artists, mounted a month-long exhibit of paintings at the City Hall depicting each article of the Universal Declaration. UNIC Rabat and members of the United Nations system mounted a display of human rights information materials at a four-day national conference on the right to development. UNIC Sydney, in cooperation with the Attorney General's Office, set up an exhibit of human rights photos, posters and information materials at the Parliament House in Canberra and screened the DPI documentary, "For Everyone, Everywhere". UNIC Tokyo co-sponsored many human rights exhibits mounted in the various prefectures in Japan, where thousands of exhibit brochures and leaflets were distributed. UNIS Vienna and the Association of Mouth and Foot Painters Worldwide launched an exhibit of "Peace Paintings" created by members of the Association. Before the opening ceremony, two of the artists demonstrated their technique. UNO Belarus and two local artists mounted an exhibit of photos and artwork depicting freedom and human rights abuses, entitled "Everyone Has the Right", at the Friendship House in Minsk and at the Belarusian Cinema Workers Union.

115. Information centres and services arranged special Human Rights Day ceremonies, held in cooperation with host Governments, NGOs and members of the United Nations system. As of December, reports had been received from the following UNICs: Accra, Beirut, Brussels, Bucharest, Buenos Aires, Colombo, Dhaka, Lisbon, Madrid, Manila, Maseru, New Delhi, Ouagadougou, Paris, Port of Spain, Rome, Santa Fe de Bogota, Tokyo and Yangon.

116. In the years leading up to the fiftieth anniversary, the Department of Public Information worked extensively through the UNICs and UNISs around the world to translate and publish the text, especially in local languages and dialects and indigenous languages, as well as in language versions of Braille, and to make these language versions accessible. In 1998 alone, UNICs and UNISs translated and published the Universal Declaration in 55 local languages, including a number of widely spoken indigenous languages. The Declaration is now one of the most widely translated documents in the world. More than 260 language versions of the Universal Declaration are now on the Website which was inaugurated on Human Rights Day 1998 at Headquarters.

117. Recent examples of this initiative include: UNIC Ankara into Turkish; UNIC Asuncion into Guarani; UNIC Buenos Aires into Toba and Mapuche; UNIC Dakar into Pulaar, Sereer and Wolof, UNIC Harare into Ndebele and Shona; UNIC Jakarta into Achehnese, Balinese, Bugisnese, Javanese, Madurese, Minangkabau and Sudanese; UNIC Lusaka into Bemba, Nyanja and Tonga; UNICs Lima and La Paz into Ashaninka, Aymara, Quechua and Guarani; UNIC Lomé into Ewe and Kabye; UNIC Madrid into Basque and Catalan; UNIC Maseru into Sesotho; UNIC Mexico City into 15 indigenous languages - Chinanteco, Huasteco, Maya, Mazahua, Mazateco, Mixteco, Ñahñu, Náhuatl, Otomí, Purhépecha, Tenek, Tojol ábal, Totonaco, Tzeltal, Zapoteco; UNIC New Delhi into Bhojpuri, Kashmiri, Sanskrit, Magahi, Marwari and Sindhi; UNIC Prague into Czech; UNIC Rabat into Berber; UNIC Yangon into Karan, Myanmar and Shan; UNO Azerbaijan into Azeri; UNO Kazakhstan into Kazak; and UNO Georgia into Georgian.

118. Several UNICs have published adaptations of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights for children in local languages. These include UNIC Bucharest into Romanian, UNIC Lima into Spanish, UNIC Rabat into Arabic and French, UNO Belarus into Russian and UNO Uzbekistan into Russian and Uzbek. In addition to translating the Universal Declaration into local languages, UNICs published in local languages a number of other human rights information products, including special newspaper supplements. UNIC Brussels published an educational booklet in French and Dutch, entitled "All Human Rights for All: Are Human Rights Really Universal?" UNIC Bucharest and United Nations system partners jointly produced an educational booklet for children on the significance of the Universal Declaration. UNIC Dhaka translated the following human rights instruments into Bengali: the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment; the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights; the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and the brochure *UN and Human Rights: Some Questions and Answers*. UNIC Madrid and the National Organization for the Blind in Spain published the Spanish text of the Universal Declaration in Braille. Based on this text, UNIC Panama City printed a Braille version with Macrotext, a large-face type to facilitate reading. UNIC Lima, in cooperation with the German Catholic Association for the Blind, launched a version of the Universal Declaration in Braille.

UNIC Port of Spain, with support from UNDP, UNICEF and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, published a commemorative fiftieth anniversary calendar depicting the articles of the Universal Declaration. The Centre also produced and mounted commemorative banners around the city. UNIC Tunis published a desktop agenda and calendar that included the Human Rights Day messages of the Secretary-General and the High Commissioner for Human Rights and a backgrounder on the Universal Declaration. UNIC Windhoek translated the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination into Afrikaans and Oshiwambo.

119. Throughout the year, UNICs translated and produced many other human rights publications and posted these materials on their Websites. UNICs with home pages include: Antananarivo, Athens, UNIS Bangkok, Beirut, Bonn, Copenhagen, UNIS Geneva, Lisbon, London, Mexico City, Panama City, Prague, Paris, Rome, Tokyo, and UNO Belarus.

120. As a result of extensive media outreach and the dissemination of human rights information materials translated into local languages by UNICs, the Secretary-General's Human Rights Day message was widely publicized, articles and commemorative newspaper supplements were published, public service announcements on the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration were broadcast, and Centre directors appeared on a number of radio and television programmes.

121. The following information centres and offices reported the printing or broadcast of the Secretary-General's message: Accra by the Ghana Broadcasting Corporation and TV3 Network; Bujumbura by *Ndongozi Y'Burundi and Le Renouveau du Burundi*; Cairo by *Al-Ahram*, *Al-Akbar*, and *Al-Gomhurya* and by Egyptian TV and Nile TV; Colombo by the *Daily News*, *The Island*, *Dinamina*, *Thinakaran*, *Weerakesari*, Sri Lanka Rupavahini TV, Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation, Independent Television Network, Maharaja Network, Lakhanda Radio, Siarsa FM Radio and Sun FM Radio; Harare by Zimbabwe National Television; Islamabad by Pakistan Broadcasting Corporation and Shalimar Television; Lima by *El Comercio*, *La Republica*, and the Global TV Network; Madrid by *El Mundo*, *Diario 16* and Spanish TV-1; Manila by *The Manila Bulletin*, *The Philippine Star* and ZNN Channel 21; Maseru by Lesotho TV; Moscow by Russian Public Television; Nairobi by *The Kenyan Times* and the Kenya Broadcasting Corporation; New Delhi by *The Times of India*, *The Hindu*, *The Pioneer*, Asianet and Dordarshan; Ouagadougou by *Sidwaya*, *AIB*, *Le Journal du Soir*, *le Pays*, *l'Observateur Paalga* and *Le Journal du Jeudi*; Panama City by *El Panama America*, TV Channels 5 and 11; Rabat by *Map Actualité*, *Al Maghrib*, *Al Alam*; Rome by Mediaset, RAI and Vatican Radio; Sana'a by Sana'a TV Channel 1; Tunis by *La Presse de Tunisie*, *Al Hourria Essabah* and *Tunisian TV*; Warsaw by Polish Public Television and Radio; Windhoek by Namibia Broadcasting Corporation; UNO Azerbaijan by Azeri State TV; UNO Belarus by Belarusian Radio; UNO Georgia by Georgian State TV Corporation; UNO Kazakhstan by Khabar and Kazakhstan 1; and UNO Uzbekistan by National TV Channel 1.

122. UNICs and UNISs carried out numerous other media outreach activities. More complete information on their activities for the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration can be found on the United Nations Website at: www.un.org/aroundworld/unics/home.htm.

Annex

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No. 2 *The International Bill of Human Rights* (Rev.1)
No. 3 *Advisory Services and Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights* (Rev.1)
No. 4 *Methods of Combatting Torture*
No. 5 *Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination*
No. 6 *Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances* (Rev.2)
No. 7 *Communication Procedures*
No. 8 *World Public Information Campaign for Human Rights*
No. 9 *The Rights of Indigenous Peoples* (Rev.1)
No. 10 *The Rights of the Child* (Rev.1)
No. 11 *Extrajudicial, Summary or Arbitrary Executions* (Rev. 1)
No. 12 *The Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination*
No. 13 *International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights*
No. 14 *Contemporary Forms of Slavery*
No. 15 *Civil and Political Rights: The Human Rights Committee*
No. 16 *The Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights* (Rev.1)
No. 17 *The Committee against Torture*
No. 18 *Minority Rights* (Rev. 1)
No. 19 *National Institutions for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights*
No. 20 *Human Rights and Refugees*
No. 21 *The Human Right to Adequate Housing*
No. 22 *Discrimination against Women: The Convention and the Committee*
No. 23 *Harmful Traditional Practices Affecting the Health of Women and Children*
No. 24 *The Rights of Migrant Workers*
No. 25 *Forced Eviction and Human Rights*

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING SERIES

No. 1 *Human Rights and Social Work: A Manual for Schools of Social Work and the Social Work Profession* (HR/P/TP/1) (Sales No. E.94.XIV.4)
No. 2 *Human Rights and Elections: A Handbook on the Legal, Technical and Human Rights Aspects of Elections* (HR/P/TP/2) (Sales No. E.94.XIV.5)
No. 3 *Human Rights and Pre-Trial Detention: A Handbook of International Standards relating to Pre-Trial Detention* (HR/P/TP/3) (Sales No. E.94.XIV.6)
No. 4 *National Human Rights Institutions: A Handbook on the Establishment and Strengthening of National Institutions for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights* (HR/P/TP/4) (Sales No. E.95.XIV.2)
No. 5 *Human Rights and Law Enforcement: A Manual on Human Rights Training for the Police* (HR/P/TP/5) (Sales No. E.96.XIV.5)
No. 5/Add.1 *International Human Rights Standards for Law Enforcement: A Pocket Book on Human Rights for the Police* (HR/P/TP/5/Add.1) (Sales No. E.96.XIV.6)

HUMAN RIGHTS STUDY SERIES

No. 1 *Right to Adequate Food as a Human Right* (Sales No. E.89.XIV.2)
No. 2 *Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and Discrimination based on Religion or Belief* (Sales No. E.89.XIV.3)
No. 3 *Freedom of the Individual under Law: an Analysis of Article 29 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights* (Sales No. E.89.XIV.5)
No. 4 *Status of the Individual and Contemporary International Law: Promotion, Protection and Restoration of Human Rights at National, Regional and International Levels* (Sales No. E.91.XIV.3)
No. 5 *Study on the Rights of Persons belonging to Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities* (Sales No. E.91.XIV.2)
No. 6 *Human Rights and Disabled Persons* (Sales No. E.92.XIV.4)
No. 7 *The Right to Adequate Housing* (Sales No. E.96.XIV.3)
No. 8 *Sexual Exploitation of Children* (Sales No. E.96.XIV.7)
No. 9 *Internally Displaced Persons. Compilation and Analysis of Legal Norms* (Sales No. E.97.XIV.2)
No. 10 *Protection of the Heritage of Indigenous Peoples* (Sales No.E.97.XIV.3)

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No. 3 *Children's Rights: Creating a Culture of Human Rights*
No. 4 *Human Rights Education: Lessons for Life*

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The Administration of Justice and Human Rights for East European Countries: Report of a United Nations Training Course (Moscow, 21-25 November 1988) (HR/PUB/89/2)
The Teaching of Human Rights: Report of an International Seminar (Geneva, 5-9 December 1988) (HR/PUB/89/3)
The Effects of Racism and Racial Discrimination on the Social and Economic Relations between Indigenous Peoples and States: Report of a Seminar (Geneva, 16-20 January 1989) (HR/PUB/89/5)

Application of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights under the Optional Protocol by the Human Rights Committee (Reprint No. 1 (4))
The African Charter on Human and Peoples Rights (HR/PUB/90/1)
Report of an International Consultation on AIDS and Human Rights (Geneva, 26-28 July 1989) (HR/PUB/90/2)
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